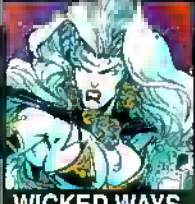


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### Story So Far

Lady Death has returned to Hell and claimed sovereignty over it. In doing so, she rescued her nameless wolves and Vassago her trusty steed from certain extinction. She faced Vulfogluagh, a despicable demon lord who took over her mansion, and beheaded him. She then transformed the mansion into a fortress. Seance, Hell's sorcerer, discovered that Hell is disappearing, but doesn't know why. A minute amount of Lady Death's arcane energy leaked through the bowels of Hell and re-awakened an ancient evil. Cremator followed Lady Demon to Lady Death's fortress. He is convinced they are one and the same.

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**L**UCIFER HAS BEEN DEPOSED.  
CARNAGE AND ANARCHY  
REIGN IN HIS PLACE.

BUT HERE AT HELL'S BLACK  
HEART, IN THE FORTRESS OF  
LADY DEATH, THE DAMNED  
HAVE NEW CAUSE TO BECOME  
INTIMATE WITH DREAD...

...FOR THE LADY  
HAS COME HOME.

IS IT  
TRULY YOU  
M'LADY?

IT CANNOT  
BE! I TRACKED  
LADY DEMON  
HERE, NOT LADY  
DEATH!

HELL  
NEEDS UNITY  
TO SURVIVE THE  
COMING JUDGMENT  
ERA! UNITY IT  
SHALL HAVE.

THOSE  
WHO ARE WITH  
ME SHALL LIVE --  
THOSE AGAINST  
SHALL EMBRACE  
THE VOID...

...AND I AM  
NOT DISPOSED TO  
DISPATCH THEM  
TENDERLY.

YOU  
HAVE BEEN  
EVER FAITHFUL,  
CREMATOR. HAVE  
YOU MADE YOUR  
CHOICE?

ARE YOU  
LISTENING,  
MAN?

BEHIND  
YOU! LOOK  
OUT!

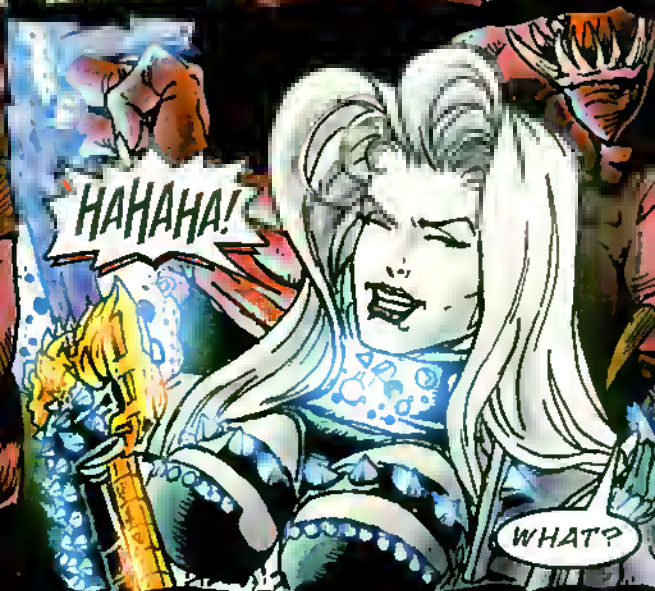


YOU  
WASTED LUCIFER,  
BUT ABANDONED  
HIS THRONE! AND NOW  
THAT HELL BURNS IN  
RUINOUS CIVIL WAR,  
YOU CHATTER ABOUT  
"UNITY"!

VAIN,  
IRRESPONSIBLE  
FEMALE --  
ASSASSINATION  
IS TOO GOOD  
FOR YOU!

BUT FOR  
DECAPITATING  
MY BROTHER  
VULBOGLIACH...

LET THE  
PUNISHMENT  
FIT THE  
CRIME!



LET ME  
HANDLE THIS  
OBSTREPEROUS  
FOOL, M'LADY.

CREMATOR,  
INDULGE  
YOURSELF...



FEEMALLE...

I CALL  
BRAINSSSS...

I CALL THE  
SWEETMEATS...







...WHICH IS MORE PATHETIC, CREATURE... YOUR INSULTING BID TO INJURE ME.

...OR YOUR MISPLACED PRIDE, CALLING THAT FETID VAT OF EXCREMENT "BROTHER!"

YOU'RE LETTING THEM... GET AWAY?

RRR'LLKILL YOUUUUUU!

"REMEMBER..."

KILLHER DEADRRGH!

CREMATOR... IF YOU WANT TO BE PART OF MY NEW ORDER...

...LADY DEATH...

"...ASKS THE QUESTIONS?"

HEE HEE

HEE HEE

HEE HEE

AAHHH!



I REQUIRE THE  
ANOINTMENT OF  
THE ARCHDUKES  
OF HELL.

I AM  
PREPARED  
TO DESTROY  
THEM FOR IT.

YOUR  
MAJOR...  
ISSUE WILL BE  
THANATOS.

AS LUCIFER'S  
ELDEST SURVIVING  
SON, THE ANOINTMENT  
OF ARCHFIEND  
FALLS TO HIM.

IT IS  
LADY  
DEATH.

MY  
GNAWING NEED  
TO BE WITH HER HAS  
BROUGHT ME NEARLY  
CLOSE ENOUGH TO  
TOUCH HER...

... BUT SHE'S  
GROWN SO COLD,  
SO BRUTAL -- CAN  
I MAKE HER  
HEAR...

... THAT I  
MAY NEVER BE  
WHOLE UNLESS  
I AM AT HER  
SIDE?

"THE *RABBLE* OF HELL SNIFF  
AND WHISPER AROUND THE  
CONCEPT OF THE JUDGMENT  
WAR, THEY HAVE NO CLUE.

"NOTHING IN *CREATION* WILL  
ESCAPE *PENETRATION*! IT  
SHALL BE THE ALPHA AND THE  
OMEGA OF WAR ITSELF!

"I AM RESOLVED.

"EVEN IF I WANTED TO LET  
HELL'S SCEPTRE PASS ME  
BY, I COULD NOT -- NO  
ONE ELSE IS PREPARED TO  
DO WHAT IS NECESSARY...

"...AT THE FINAL  
JUDGMENT."

WE'LL  
ENLIST THE  
SUPPORT OF  
THANATOS,  
TO --

ENLIST? I  
DON'T "ENLIST."  
THOSE WHO FAIL  
TO FOLLOW IN MY  
WAKE WILL PERISH.  
TRUE, THERE IS NO  
DEATH IN HELL...

...YET...

...BUT I  
HAVE WAYS TO  
ENSURE ENDLESS  
TORMENT AND  
SUFFERING.

CREMATOR, OF THE  
BURNING HANDS,  
KNOWS HIS MISTRESS  
HAS CHANGED, HE'S  
PLAGUED BY QUESTIONS.

BUT HE HOLDS HIS  
TONGUE, FOR NOW...

...WHILE... ELSEWHERE  
IN HELL...

...ARCAINE ENERGIES,  
REACTING TO A SPARK  
IGNITED BY LADY DEATH...\*

CRASH!!!

...BEGIN TO DANCE, FOR THE  
FIRST TIME IN CENTURIES,  
SWEETENING THE SULFURIOUS  
AIR OF HELL LIKE A LUSCIOUS,  
CLOYING POISON.

\*IN  
LADY  
DEATH  
#1

HOWLS of the  
damned, bottled  
for SHARING?

On most exquisite,  
your rough thrusting  
ESSENCE, filling me  
like an APOCALYPSE?

My lord... my  
HUSBAND?

LUCIFER... you  
KNOW how I  
DESPISE waiting.  
Where are you?

Is it TIME  
my lord?

What tokens have  
you brought to my  
SUMMONING, love?

A WREATH of charred  
limbs? pretty ENTRAILS  
in amber? eruptions of  
BLOOD, FRESH from a  
lamenting heart?

Let heaven and hell  
be warned -- after  
MILLENNIA, lucifer's  
first wife is FREE.



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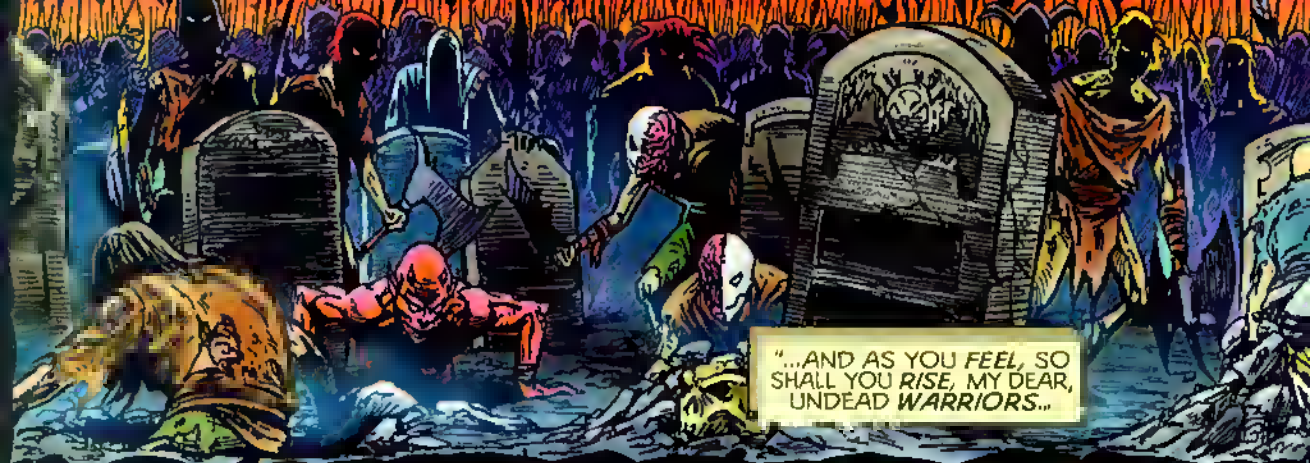
"I NEED AN ARMY TO  
BRING MY DOMINION  
TO HEEL!"

"THE LEGIONS OF  
HORRID HELL MAY BE  
EVIL, BUT THEY ARE  
NOT AS DETERMINED  
AS THE DAMNED THAT  
I MAY CONSCRIPT..."

"YES, YOU WAITED  
PATIENTLY AS I  
ADDED TO YOUR  
SECRET ABUNDANCE..."

"...ENFOLDING YOU, ONE BY  
ONE, IN THE ARMS OF DEATH --  
TIL YOU OUTNUMBERED EVEN  
LUCIFER'S VULGAR HERD!"





"...AND AS YOU FEEL, SO  
SHALL YOU RISE, MY DEAR,  
UNDEAD WARRIORS..."



"...DEATH CALLS..."

"...AND DEATH  
ANSWERS."



NOW,  
CREMATOR,  
ANSWER MY  
QUESTION.

I WILL  
KNOW, ARE  
YOU WITH ME  
OR AGAINST  
ME?

M'LADY,  
I AM WITH  
YOU.

BUT I  
BELIEVE  
YOU.

YOU ARE A  
FORMIDABLE  
ALLY -- I RUE THE  
DAY YOU AND I  
CLASH...

...BUT HAD  
YOU HESITATED,  
WELL, BE  
CLEAR...

NOTHING  
WILL STAND  
IN MY WAY.  
NOTHING.

YOU KNOW,  
YOU WOULD HAVE  
DONE WELL AT  
LUCIFER'S GAMING TABLE;  
YOU GUARD YOUR CARDS  
CLOSELY TIL YOUR  
OPPONENT'S HAND IS  
IN THE OPEN!



**HELL IS  
MINE!**

NOW...  
LET US RIDE...  
TO TEACH ANY-  
ONE OR ANYTHING  
THAT DISAGREES  
THE MEANING OF  
THE WORD...  
HOLOCAUST!

THE UNDEAD LEGIONS WEAR  
UNIFORMS AND BEAR ARMS  
FROM MYRIAD WARS -- THE  
CAUSES THEY DIED FOR HAVE  
BEEN FORGOTTEN.

THAT IS NOT  
SO, TODAY.



THEY WILL NEVER FORGET THE LADY,  
HER REGAL MOUNT, VASSAGO, OR  
HER FIERCE NAMELESS WOLVES.  
WHERE SHE RIDES, STORM CLOUDS  
AND CARRION BIRDS ARE QUICK  
TO FOLLOW. THE END OF THINGS  
HANGS HEAVY IN THE AIR.



WHILE, AT THE  
REAR OF LADY  
DEATH'S  
FORTRESS...

BY THE  
HELLMOUTH!  
I FORGOT  
THE  
GUARDS!

NO TIME  
TO BE ARTFUL  
IN MY REMOVAL  
OF THESE  
PAWNS...

WHO  
GOES  
THERE?

LADY --

DEMON?

I  
CAN'T --  
I CAN'T  
SEE!

TO ME,  
MALEVOLENCE!

SHE'S  
GOT TO BE

ACCCKK!

SPREADING MY  
SHARE OF INFERNAL  
DISORDER WAS SWEET  
WHILE IT LASTED, BUT  
NOW I HAVE WEIGHTIER  
PROBLEMS TO  
PONDER.

WHY DOES IT  
PAIN ME SO, THIS  
NEED FOR LADY DEATH?  
WHAT AM I... IF  
SHE AND I  
CO-EXIST?

I HAVE  
A THEORY...  
I MUST TEST  
IT, EVEN IF IT  
DESTROYS  
HER!



ELSEWHERE  
IN HELL...

FRACK  
CHOKKRAK

You have heard, no  
doubt, of the snake  
that lingered blithely  
near the tree of  
forbidden knowledge...

...in the  
Garden of  
Eden?

OOOH  
PRETTY

SO  
VERY  
PRETTY.

Yes, my fawns.  
All-seeing  
LEVIATHA...

...she who is  
temptation,  
slain's song,  
forbidden  
fruit,  
PERSONIFIED...

...has  
COME  
AGAIN.

Why, even  
ORPHEUS  
sensed sweet  
breath upon  
his face, just  
a foot from  
safety at  
hell's exit  
door...

...and at that  
sign, the  
tragic singer  
turned to  
face his LOVER,  
EURYDICE, thus  
LOSING her  
FOREVER.

Pray you  
never meet  
this snake,  
this nymph,  
this breath...

Or heard rumor of the  
flame-colored nymph  
who appeared to ICARUS,  
promising him all his  
burning questions would  
be answered...

...if he would harness  
his father's waxen  
wings, to fly so very  
near the sun!



DIS, HELL'S  
CAPITAL

And I am nothing if not  
dedicated to my WORK.  
There is but ONE thing I  
dote on MORE -- behind  
my back, some call it  
my ONLY blind spot.

I prefer  
to call it...

Lucifer's WAR CHAMBER, where  
the former archfiend captained  
his strategic campaign to lure  
man from the way that leads to  
LIFE toward seven deadly sins.

Leviatha is aghast  
as this GRUBBY sty of  
confused INTOXICATION.  
It seems only SLOTH  
is served in new hell.

...my love...  
is not  
here...

My love!

He desires... I  
SEEK him in his  
bedchamber, to  
PROVE my  
undying...

My precious  
one has set for  
me a challenge...  
I'm sure of it!

...devotion...

Which is more inauspicious --  
the FEELINGS imprinted upon  
these SHEETS by all the FILTHY  
SOWS he dragged here...

...OR the  
fact that  
his BED... is  
carefully  
MADE...

...as if it  
were to  
be used...  
no more!

NO! My beloved  
LIVES! This is  
another of  
his TESTS!

He was CHALLENGING my  
love when he FORCED  
himself to BETRAY me,  
and allowed slithering  
SEANCE to enter me  
in that COFFIN...

He was testing my  
DEVOTION by lying  
in the arms of  
those BITCHES!

SHHH...  
COOO...

THERE  
THERE

They betrayed  
him! He could  
betray ME a  
thousand time,  
and I would  
FORGIVE!

I LOVE  
HIM!

RONCHHH

...but I sense a  
troubling upset  
in the souls of  
this offoll

I MUST  
penetrate  
I must  
KNOW... who is  
shesss? who?

Nonono  
nononol



LUCIFERRRRRRRI  
I knew you did not  
abondonn MEEEEEEI

UH-

-OH HH

A usurper  
named lady death  
tempted the  
greatest tempter,  
my LOOOVEI

She betrayed  
you! banished  
YOOU!

ARRGH!

GONE...  
JUST  
GONE!

A  
SCREAM  
THAT MADE  
MY EARS  
BLEED!

IT'S THE  
END!

IT'S  
LADY  
DEATH,  
I TELL  
YOU!

I TOLD  
YOU DIS  
WAS  
DISAPPEARING!  
PAY UP,  
PHARZUPH!

AHHH

AHHH

At least, my  
Lucifer, I know  
the TRIAL I must  
complete to  
prove my ARDOR.

LADY DEATH  
must ATONE  
for her sins.

**G**HENNA IS NOT A LONG MARCH FROM LADY DEATH'S FORTRESS, AND THE UNDEAD DO NOT REQUIRE REST. HERE, IN IGNEOUS LAKES, THE DAMNED WHO WASTED THEIR RESOURCES IN LIFE BURN WITHOUT BEING CONSUMED...

...BUT EVEN HERE, THEY HAVE HEARD THE LEGEND OF...

LADY DEATH!  
PLEASE M'LADY PLEASE

IT IS  
MERCY YOU  
WANT, MY  
SON?

BLOOD!

PLEASE...

THE SOUL SWORD CALLED NIGHTMARE BITES DEEPLY INTO HER HAND, CLINGING TO HER IN HER MOMENT OF "MERCY!"


THANK YOU...

Oh,  
YESSSS...  
BLOOD!


BUT WE  
NEED TO  
DRINK MORE  
BLOOD...

MUCH  
MORE  
BLOODDD!





NO  
SWORD OF  
MY FORGE OR  
ANVIL WOULD  
EVER DO... *THAT*.  
IT IS A BLADE  
POSSESSED.



IF MY  
WEAPON IS  
BLOOD-MAD, IT  
IS *WELL*, FOR I AM  
HOT FOR BATTLE;  
LET THE FEEDING  
FRENZY  
BEGIN!

AYE LADY,  
BUT YOU KNOW  
NOT THE *PRICE*  
OF NIGHTMARE'S...  
*POWER*...

SHOULD  
WE TELL  
OUR LORD  
SHE HAS  
COME?

HE  
KNOWS, MY  
DOG-BROTHER.  
HE KNOWS.



LADY DEATH  
WOULD SPEAK  
WITH  
*THANATOS!*

STAND  
DOWN AND  
THROW WIDE  
YOUR  
GATES!

I  
SHALL  
NOT ASK  
TWICE

YOU  
MOVE TOO  
SLOWLY.  
YOU INVITE  
DEATH.



ENTER, LADY: IF THAT IS TRULY  
YOUR DESIRE.

A WISE  
CHOICE,  
THANATOS.

CREMATOR,  
WAIT HERE.

YO, YO,  
YOU GOT SOME  
EXPLAININ' TO DO,  
SCUZZBALL!

YOU  
CAN GET IN,  
LIKE, BIG TROUBLE  
FOR CAR-JACKING! I  
WAS PARTYIN', AND  
I REMEMBER HITTIN'  
SOMETHIN' -- NOW,  
I'M IN THIS FEAKIN'...  
CREEPSHOW!

INSIDE OF  
THANATO'S  
FORTRESS...

THE "TROUBLE"  
IS YOURS, TIFFANY. MY  
PET. YOU SUMMED UP YOUR  
PITIFUL WASTED LIFE WHEN  
YOUR VEHICLE STOLE THE  
LIVES OF A SCHOOLBUS  
OF TENDER BABES!

YOU ARE  
IN HELL AMONG  
THE ETERNALLY  
DAMNED, YOU  
FILTHY LITTLE  
ANIMAL!

NO!  
PLEASE!  
MERCY!

COUNT -  
LESS OTHERS  
SHOWED YOU  
MERCY BEFORE.  
YOU USED  
THEM.

SOUL  
MERCHANT...  
WORK YOUR  
ALCHEMY!

Noooooo!

I WILL  
HAVE THAT  
WRETCHED THING  
SHE CALLED HER  
SOUL BEFORE  
BREAKFAST.





Ahhh...  
THEY TASTE  
SO GOOD WHEN  
THEY ARE BAD.  
ESPECIALLY  
COZENS WHO  
BELIEVED THAT  
THEY WERE  
INNOCENT.

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STRAIN OF  
MOTIONS...  
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OVER.

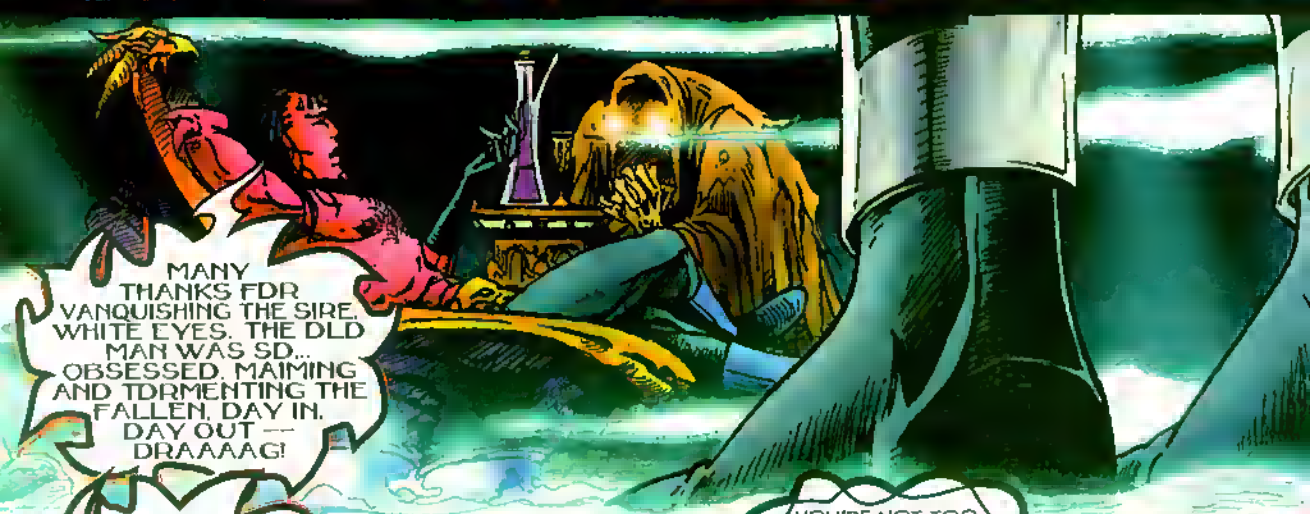
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SPARKS THEIR  
SOUL. MY FRIEND.  
THE SUDDEN  
REALIZATION  
KICKS UP...



I THINK I  
SHALL SKIP  
BREAKFAST. I  
JUST DON'T FEEL  
LIKE EXPENDING  
THE EFFORT.

ON  
YOUR FEET,  
SON OF LUCIFER!  
A LADY  
ADDRESSES  
YOU.

THE  
LADY IS  
WELCOME  
TO SIT ANY-  
WHERE.



MANY  
THANKS FOR  
VANQUISHING THE SIRE.  
WHITE EYES. THE OLD  
MAN WAS SO...  
OBSESSED. MAIMING  
AND TORTURING THE  
FALLEN. DAY IN.  
DAY OUT —  
DRAAAAAG!

TELL  
YOU WHAT.  
DIRECTLY AFTER  
MY SIESTA.  
YOU AND I WILL  
KILL AWHILE.  
A FEW TAINTED  
SOULS WILL SNAP  
YOU OUT OF  
YOUR MOOD.

YOU'RE NOT TOO  
SOTTED TO SEE  
THE JUDGMENT WAR  
IS COMING. MARTIAL  
SERAPHIM WILL PAINT  
OUR HOMELAND  
WITH OUR  
BLOOD...

...UNLESS?

...UNLESS  
I UNIFY  
HELL.

ARE  
YOU WITH  
ME... OR  
AGAINST  
ME?





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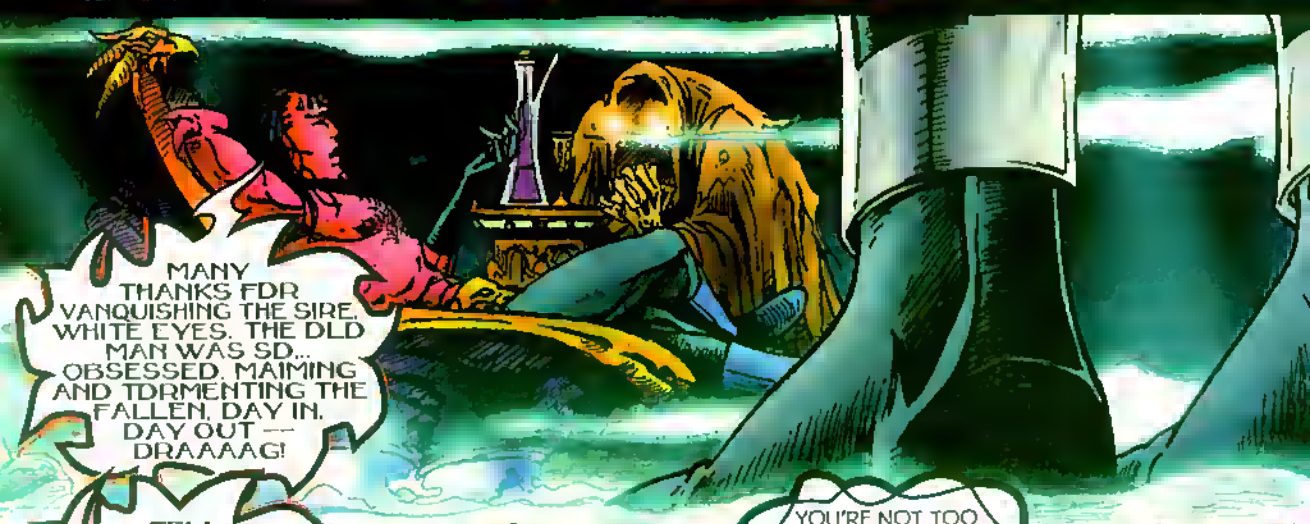
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Oh  
YOU BEAUTIFUL  
THOROUGHbred  
MARE -- NO WONDER  
THE PATRIARCH  
SLOTTED YOU INTO  
HIS MEDLEY OF  
FEMALE  
FRIPPERY!

LOOK  
AT YOU,  
STIRRING UP  
PARANOIA AND ANNIHILATE MY HIGH  
PROPHECY --  
LIKE IT  
MATTERS!

YOU  
KNOW, LUCIFER  
COULD SERIOUSLY  
PROPHECY --  
TOO. YOUR UNIFICATION  
SOUNDS LIKE, "MEET  
THE NEW BOSS..."



SAME  
AS THE  
OLD  
BOSS!

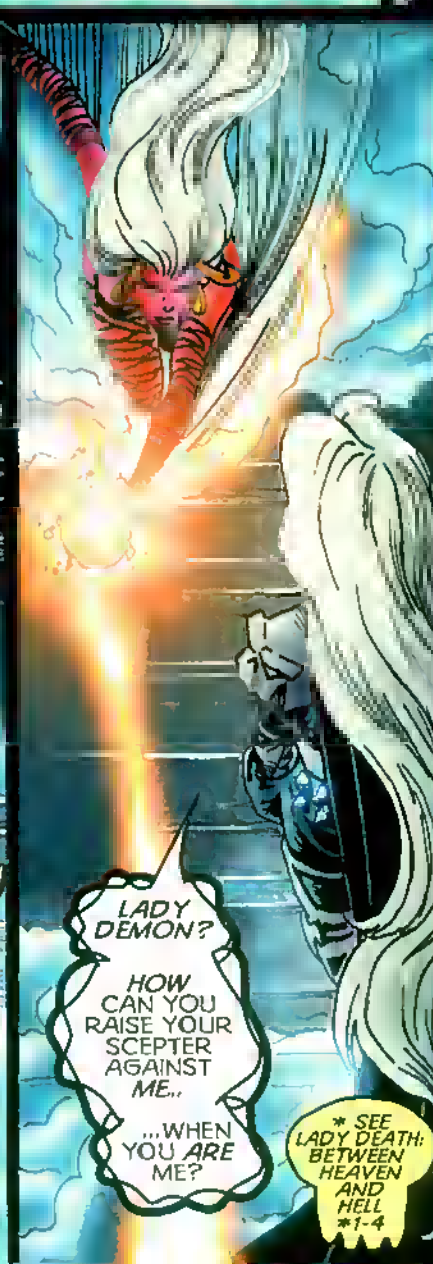
THANATOS.  
THE QUESTION  
IS NOT  
DIFFICULT.

ARE YOU  
WITH ME OR  
ARE YOU  
AGAINST  
ME?



YOU STILL  
DON'T GET IT.  
WHATEVER THE  
OUTCOME OF THIS  
GARISH OPERA  
YOU CALL  
JUDGEMENT, IT HAS  
ALL BEEN PRE-  
ORDAINED --

??!!

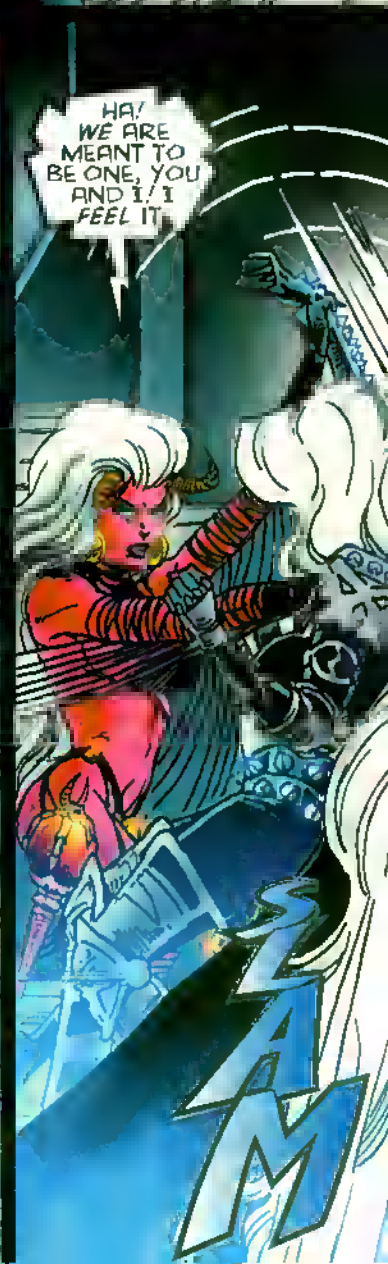


LADY  
DEMON?

HOW  
CAN YOU  
RAISE YOUR  
SCEPTER  
AGAINST  
ME..

...WHEN  
YOU ARE  
ME?

\* SEE  
LADY DEATH:  
BETWEEN  
HEAVEN  
AND  
HELL  
\*1-4



HA!  
WE ARE  
MEANT TO  
BE ONE, YOU  
AND I. I  
FEEL IT.

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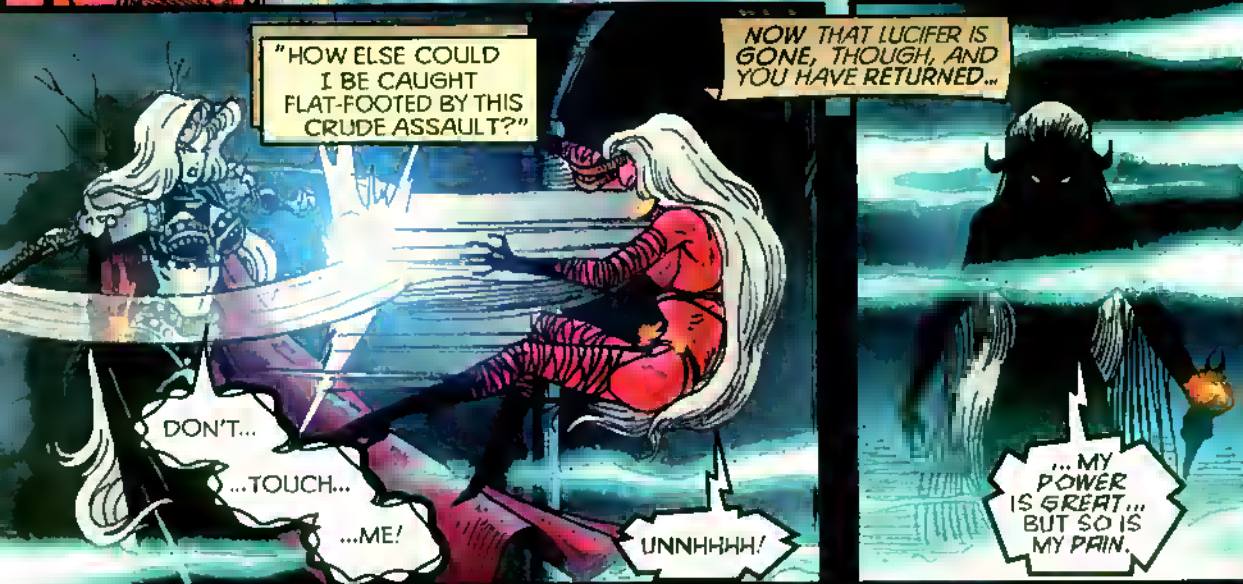


WHEN YOU WERE BANISHED, I WANDERED, WITHOUT PURPOSE, WITHOUT IDENTITY!

"BY THE HARROWING OF HELL! I LET THAT BRAT THANATOS ANNOY ME!"

THIS UNEXPECTED DISPLAY OF FEMALE EMOTION WORKS IN OUR FAVOR, SOUL MERCHANT.

STRIKE YOUR DOLEFUL TUNE! STEAL LADY DEATH'S SOUL!



"HOW ELSE COULD I BE CAUGHT FLAT-FOOTED BY THIS CRUDE ASSAULT?"

NOW THAT LUCIFER IS GONE, THOUGH, AND YOU HAVE RETURNED...

DON'T...  
...TOUCH...

...ME!

UNNNHHH!

...MY POWER IS GREAT... BUT SO IS MY PAIN.



I AM... HOLLOW... BUT I SEE NOW HOW I MAY CAPTURE MY IDENTITY!

LADY DEATH! IT IS YOUR TURN TO ANSWER MY QUESTIONS!



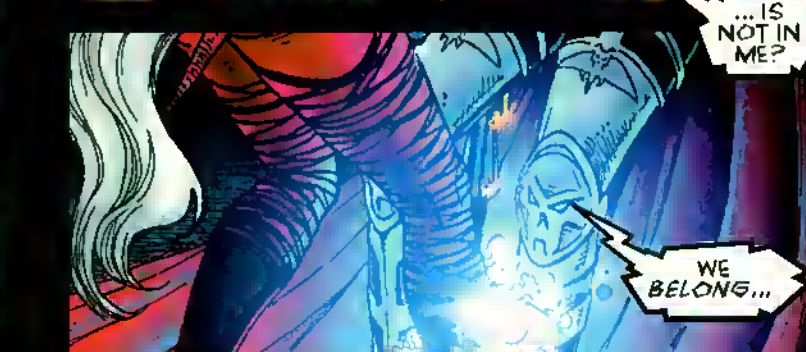
WHEN I TOUCH YOU, WHEN OUR BODIES COMMINGLE... DON'T YOU FEEL ALIVE? DON'T YOU FEEL WHOLE?

NO!

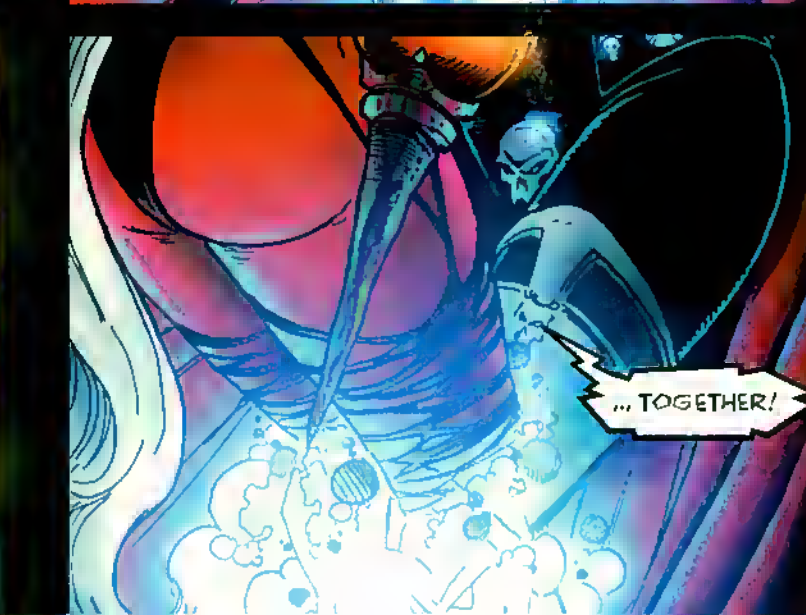
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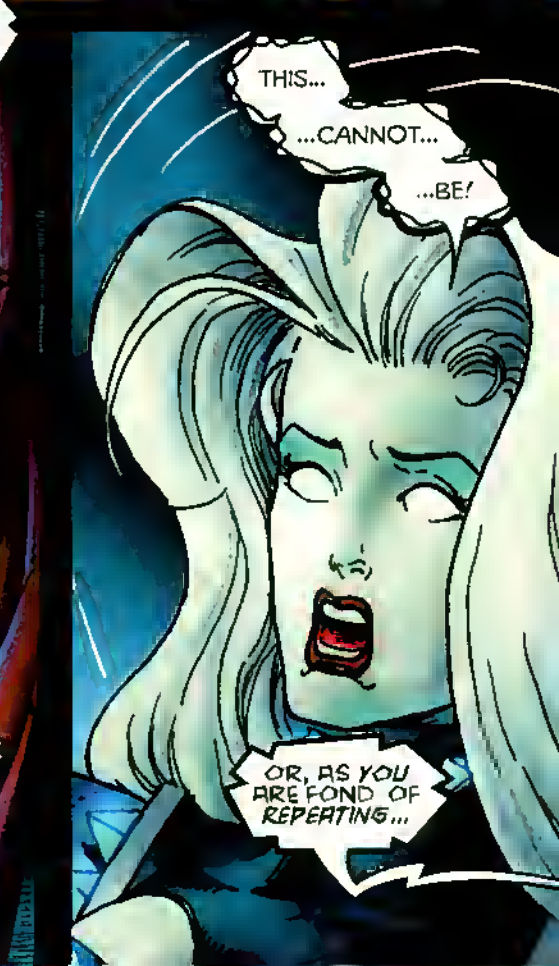
...IS NOT IN ME?



WE BELONG...



...TOGETHER!



THIS...  
...CANNOT...  
...BE!

OR, AS YOU ARE FOND OF REPEATING...





... ARE  
YOU WITH  
ME...

... OR ARE  
YOU AGAINST  
ME?!

HA! HA!  
HA! HA! HA!  
HA!

**NEXT:**

WICKED WAYS CONTINUES IN  
"DIVIDED... WE FALL!"





# THE CHAOS! TO COME

# #5



## YOUR MONTHLY NEWS SOURCE ON ALL THINGS CHAOS! - FEBRUARY '98

### From the Crypt

We've just started 1998 and already - it's rocking. We have an exciting and unique year planned for you guys and gals - and ghouls.

Recently, Chaos! was the recipient of six - count 'em - six international printing awards! They don't give these things out to every Tom, Dick and Harry. No, you must truly rule the printing world to receive one of these puppies. So we are pretty darned proud (not bad for a bunch of grown up, juvenile delinquents, huh? I'm gettin' all teary eyed).

Here's the deal: The International Association of Printing House Craftsmen, Inc. has a yearly awards deal - like the Oscars for printing, and here is what we won: for superb craftsmanship in the production of - Purgatori #1 sculptured embossed cover (gold award), Lady Death: The Odyssey #1 sculptured embossed cover (bronze award) Lady Death: The Odyssey #1 chromium cover (silver award) Lady Death: The Odyssey #1 onyx edition (honorable mention), Lady Death: The Crucible #1/2 - canvas cover (gold award) and Lady Death: The Crucible #1 sculptured embossed cover (gold award).

I'm feelin' like a proud papa! That's all I got to say this month. Have a great one, fiends.

Sworn to The Black,

Brian Pulido

PS - Remember I said last month to stay tuned to these pages in the next couple of months for a big announcement? Good. Then stay tuned.

### LOW DOWN

### CHAOS! SIGNS MIKE DEODATO, JR. TO ILLUSTRATE Lady Death

Chaos! Comics has signed illustrator Mike Deodato, Jr. to a long term contract to illustrate Lady Death #5-#8 and future Lady Death issues (#13-#16). Lady Death #5 is set to debut in May. "I'm psyched to have Mike on board," says publisher Brian Pulido. "I fell in love with his artwork on Wonder Woman. Wait until readers see his vision of Lady Death."

The storyline for Lady Death #5-#8 is called The Harrowing. Lady Death is known throughout the cosmos as The Chosen One. It has been prophesied that she will determine the outcome of the Judgement war between Heaven and Hell. But no one knows which side she will take. The higher ups in Heaven decide they cannot risk her presence any longer so they dispatch The Seraphim, Heaven's angel executioners.

Mike Deodato's style has changed of late. "Moving forward to the past, I think," Mike says. "My newest work is a deliberate push back to the earlier Wonder Woman style that people loved on my first issues - but with better storytelling."

What about Steven Hughes, long time Lady Death illustrator? "Steven has begun work on Lady Death #9-#12," says Pulido. Hughes never wanted to compromise the quality of the work he produces. Since Lady Death has become a monthly title, he agreed with Pulido on bringing another artist on board.

Lady Death #5 ships in May with a cover price of \$2.95.

### Lady Death SALES KICKIN' TAIL

Lady Death #1 was the #30 comic in the industry for January 1998. Thanks to your support, we're blasting up the charts.

### Lady Death WATCH EXCLUSIVE TO THE CHAOS! COLLECTOR'S CORNER

March 1998 will see the debut of the New Chaos! Collector's Corner catalog. It's chocked full of goodies including two Lady Death logo watches. One watch is high end and features a glowing Lady Death logo, chrome case. It retails for \$75. The other watch is priced at \$25 and features a printed version of the Lady Death logo and gold case. Both are cool, so order them now.

### CHAOS! WEBSITE EXPANDS, UPGRADES

Be sure to check in to chaoscomics.com. We are continually updating information and expanding our services. We have two trusty dudes, Joe Gyulay - our webmaster - and Dave Ballance constantly working on making the site more rad every day. For example, we are experimenting with an on-line preview comic for Purgatori. Have any suggestion or comments? E-mail the guys.

### CHAOS! COLLECTOR'S CORNER ON-LINE OFFERS UP SECURE ORDERING

The on line version of the Chaos! Collector's Corner - a great place to find hard to get Chaos! Collectibles - features CYBERCASH, which is a completely safe

and secure way to order stuff with your credit card on line. Check it out today.

### SMILEY BLITZ COMING

June 1998 is Smiley The Psychotic Button month at Chaos! Comics and all across America. Here is a sampling of what you can expect us putting out to support this important national holiday: Smiley - one shot comic, Smiley, desktop pet, new Smiley pin by Moore creations, Smiley zippo lighter, Smiley key chain, Smiley bumper stickers, New Smiley T-Shirt, Smiley License plates - and more. It's gonna be a psychotic month.

### HOW TO ORDER CHAOS! COMICS

Having trouble getting a hold of your favorite Chaos! Comics? Here's one way to guarantee you will get copies. Get a hold of Diamond Comic Previews every month from your local comic shop. Look through the catalog and pick out what you want. Fill out the order form enclosed and return it to your local comic shop dealer by the deadline (stated on the cover of the order form). It's truly that simple. Want more information on how to order your favorite Chaos! Comics? Call our customer service department below. Steve or Dawn will be happy to assist you.

### PRE-ORDER THE OMEN #2 & DEAD KING #2

Notice the trend of #2 comics being collectible? Well we're giving you guys a heads up. Now is the time to pre-order / reserve your copies of The Omen #2 and Dead King #2 - at your local comic shop. Don't miss out because as of January 1998 Chaos! prints to order (meaning we don't print extras).

### CHAOS! ACTION FIGURE NEWS

In a secret meeting on a dark, gloomy night Chaos! President Brian Pulido and Moore Action Collectibles President Clayburn S. Moore decided upon the characters that will make up the next Chaos! Moore

Action Collectibles action figure assortment coming this summer. Who will they be? Stay tuned.

### CHAOS! ON TOUR 1998

Chaos! tears into 1998 like a crazed wolf devouring live flesh. Here's a few upcoming convention appearances. Be there. It is worth your time!

**DAK DELICACIES** Feb. 14 Burbank, California (call 818-556-6660 for more info)  
**MEGACON '98** March 13-15, Orlando Florida (call 407-599-0905 for more info)  
**WORLD HORROR** May 7-9, Phoenix, Arizona (call 602-941-3438 for more info)  
**BIG APPLE CON** June 6, New York, New York (call 718-275-1567 for more info)

### UPCOMING ON-LINE CHATS

All chats will be in the Chaos! chatroom @ chaoscomics.com. You need netscape to get on.

FEBRUARY		
3rd	David Quinn	Topic - Purgatori
10th	Phil Nutman	Topic - Evil Ernie
17th	Brian Pulido	Topic - Lady Death
MARCH		
3rd	David Quinn	Topic - Lady Death
10th	Phil Nutman	Topic - The Omen
17th	Brian Pulido	Topic - The Chaos! Cosmos
APRIL		
7th	David Quinn	Topic - Purgatori
14th	Phil Nutman	Topic - Evil Ernie
21st	Brian Pulido	Topic - Chaos!

### QUICK NEWS

Watch this space for other upcoming special events! The 1998 Chaos! Comics calendar ships in May featuring all painted artwork by Dimitris Patelis. It's beautiful. Cryptic Writings #4 ships in June featuring Brian Pulido's adaptation of the classic "Peace Sells" Steven Hughes is at work on a portfolio that will feature colored work, pen & ink work and pencils only work. It will include known Chaos! Characters and Hughes' own creations. Expect the portfolio to come out late summer 1998. Some reminders: Evil Ernie's on-going series starts in June. Kyle Hotz will be illustrating covers #1 & #2. Steven Hughes will illustrate cover #3. Check out this comic for a preview.

### The CHAOS! To Come Checklist February '98

- Lady Death #2 \$2.95
- Evil Ernie: Destroyer #6 (of 9) \$2.95
- The Lost #4 (of 4)
- Cryptic Writings of Megadeth #3 \$2.95
- Smiley Sticker \$3.50

### March '98

- Lady Death #3 \$2.95
- Evil Ernie Destroyer #7 (of 9) \$2.95
- Lady Death: Dragon War \$2.95
- Chastity Sketchbook \$10.00
- Lady Death Lithograph \$25.00

### April '98

- Lady Death #4 \$2.95
- Evil Ernie: Destroyer #8 \$2.95
- The Omen #1 \$2.95 (ships with 6 variant covers)
- Dead King #1 \$2.95 (ships with 1 variant covers)

### FIEND ALERT

Notice Chaos! Comics selling out quickly? Want your Chaos! comics? **LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD!** Pre-order Chaos! Comics at your local comic shop - or ask them to reserve you copies! New Policy - We print to order. No over runs. **DON'T MISS OUT!**

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# Last Writes

Last Writes: 7645 E. Evans Rd. Suite 6 • Scottsdale, AZ 85260

This letters page we're gonna wrap up your comments on the Lady Death: The Crucible series. Also, We want to thank you guys for making Lady Death #1 the number 30 comic in the industry. Oh yeah, see the Chaos! To Come section in this comic for a lot more news on Lady Death. Onward:

## DEAR CHAOS! COMICS,

The Crucible has reached it's conclusion. In the advertisement for the Crucible mini-series it described a crucible as a place or situation in which concentrated forces interact to cause a change or development, and what a change we have seen in Lady Death. She has embraced and accepted that her life is one of a warrior.

I had been wondering who was going to sacrifice his or herself to prevent Genocide from destroying the Nexus. I was surprised that it was Tyr, of all Asgardians, due to his actions and I had also thought that Thrall had taken care of him. (My money was on Grimm.)

Like the proverbial Phoenix, Darkness was consumed by flame and reborn more splendid than before and it's name was Nightmare. When I saw Nightmare "bite down" and bond itself to Lady Death I could hear the universe hold it's breath for a moment as if something terrible had been created and it had best be quiet lest it be noticed and destroyed. I am anxiously waiting to see what Nightmare is capable of beyond what we have already seen against Genocide.

Genocide a Chaos! Lord? Genocide was as Brock said a MASTER strategist. He was a slave to order and that proved to be his undoing during the Crucible. Genocide made Lucifer look almost like a neophyte when it came to strategy.

The only negative area I could find in the Crucible is that on a page or two I did have to reread to determine the layout of the scenes but, that aside, I was very impressed with the mini-series.

I would like to extend my congratulations to Chaos! Comics, Brian, Steven and the rest of the Chaos! Crew for finally getting the recognition that has been long overdue by the people at Wizard Press.

They finally couldn't prevent Lady Death and Chaos! Comics from getting on the cover of Wizard and around here it is almost impossible to find a copy of Wizard #75 with Lady Death on the cover.

Sworn to the Black

Robert Hall  
Fiend# 2297

*Robert, thanks for picking up on the meaning of The Crucible. Indeed, Lady Death has accepted her fate - She is a warrior. And she is the Chosen One. She will decide the outcome of the upcoming Judgment war. The quandary that remains is - who's side is she on? She doesn't even know that. Perhaps she will take no side, and in doing so create a whole new outcome. Yeah, it's fully cool that Lady Death was on the cover of Wizard. Now if only we can get some editorial coverage. How long has it been since there was a Chaos! feature? It was in issue #41, I think. That's over three years ago. Interesting, huh? Perhaps our content is too spicy. Do you guys want to see more coverage in Wizard. If you do, please write them and demand that they cover Chaos!*

## DEAR LADY DEATH:

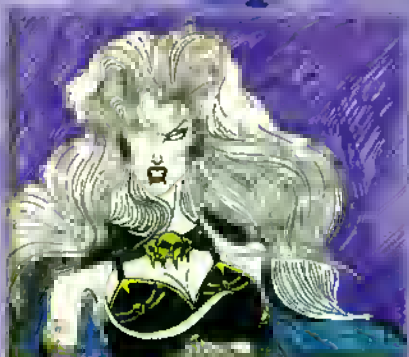
In Lady Death #6, of course the story by Brian Pulido was great, sure the artwork by Steven Hughes was brilliant, but lets not forget the unsung hero Jack Gray who dazzled us with the gorgeous coloring of this masterpiece! Mega-Bravo to the three of you!! As a M.O.E. (Multiverse Observer and Explorer) I was completely swept away into the reality of Wraithworld. What a world this was! I was practically holding onto the edge of my seat seeing Lady Death with all of her powers going against Genocide. I haven't seen this much horror and action since the movies "Assassins" and "The Seventh Seal". It was like watching a blockbuster movie! The Odin energy was fascinating and the concept of Asgard mythology was taken to the next level. It was shocking to realize that the end of reality could be destroyed by the power of light. It doesn't have to be the power of darkness. Brilliant! Lady Death really looked good with her battle armor on, she is a true warrior at heart. I was like a voyeur as I watched Vandala try to reason with Lady Death. Lady Death had her own mind set and she was out to achieve her goal. Lady Death defeated Genocide with the supremacy maximus and I was some-

what relieved to see Vandala and Lady Death teleported out of there. What a battle! Now, I am left with a cliffhanger that echoes in my mind... "Will Lady Death become the rightful ruler of Hell???" You guys kicked some major tush with this issue!!

Sincerely yours,

Paul Dale Roberts, President  
Peoples' Comic Book Newsletter

Thanks, Paul. You know, I've gone back to that issue and wish I have two more pages to really get across the SCALE of what was going on. I would have loved to do a two page spread of Wrathworld blowing up, but your comments make me feel good about the outcome of the story. How is this story shaping up so far? Write me.



Wendy Gao

## Next Issue

In the nightmarish outcome of her heated battle with Lady Demon, Lady Death faces Levithia, a being of power and vision that dwarves all the denizens of hell. Levithia is intent on conquering Lady Death for banishing Lucifer from Hell and with her all seeing, all knowing abilities, it appears she will succeed. As all breaks loose, Lady Death, the chosen one, faces extinction. If she dies who will determine the outcome of the Judgement Era? Help comes from the strangest place....Heaven. But will it be too late to save the ravishing Diva?

*Brian Pulido*

Brian Pulido  
President/Publisher, Chaos! Comics